

# **Agness – Illahe Road Construction News**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

*This project is located approximately 30 miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon. This project consists of a complete highway reconstruction of approximately 3.5 miles of roadway. The project begins at the intersection of Curry County Road Number 375 and Forest Service Road 33 and continues along the Rogue River to Foster Bar. This work will consist of mechanically stabilized earth walls, rock buttresses, rockery walls, drainage structures, guardrail, and paving. When finished there will be one full lane with many new turnouts and viewpoints, which will improve traffic flow along the river. October 2002 the Federal Highway Administration awarded a \$4.34 million contract to Roy E. Ladd Construction of Redding, California. The completion date for this project is October 2003.*

**ROAD CLOSURES WILL CONTINUE.** *This will pose the following schedule: 1 HOUR DELAYS MONDAY 6:00am to 8:00pm, ROAD CLOSED 7:00AM TUESDAY TO 5:00PM THURSDAY, 1 HOUR DELAYS FRIDAY 6:00am to 8:00pm. Weekend work may occur, but with very little notice. If work occurs on the weekend delays will be kept to a minimum. When one hour closures are being utilized, the road is open at the top of the hour only. A nightshift will continue. During the nightshift work the road will have minimal delays. While the Illahe road is closed there will be a clearly signed detour route to Foster Bar via Agness Pass. If coming from or returning to the Rogue Valley it is suggested to use the Eden Valley route rather than the Bear Camp route. New signs along this route have been installed to clearly mark the route and printable maps are available on the project website [www.agness-road.com](http://www.agness-road.com).*

*For the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>, the contractor plans to continue trenching for the underground power conduit. Crews will start work on retaining wall #5 and installing culverts throughout the project. As work progresses on retaining wall #5 crews will start work on wall #3. When these walls are complete a paving date may be scheduled. Crews are starting to put the final touches on the road working from Foster Bar toward the waste area.*

*The roadway is greatly changing by the day if not by the hour, so please be alert watching for the changing road conditions. There are many traffic switches and large excavated holes to drive around and thru. Please, keep speeds down and eyes on the road!*

*Due to safety concerns the Forest Service Illahe Campground located in the middle of the project is closed to the public until completion of the project. During construction hours there is no fishing allowed at Two Mile Creek.*

*Federal Highway has a web page that this and all future newsletters, maps, and project photos will be posted at. The easy web address pointer is [www.agness-road.org](http://www.agness-road.org).*

*All problems, concerns, and questions should be directed to the Federal Highway Administration's Project Engineer currently located in Gold Beach, OR:*

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